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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 10/669,597; Filed: September 25, 2003  
For: **Polymer Conjugates with Decreased Antigenicity, Methods of  
Preparation and Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: MARTINEZ *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment and Supplemental Reply to Restriction and Election of Species Requirements;
2. Submission of Drawings (w/one (1) page of replacement drawing of Figure 5A);
3. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c);
4. List of cited references on Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet);
5. List of cited references on Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet);
6. Copy of reference **NPL1** listed on Form PTO/SB/08B (1 document); and
7. One (1) return postcard.

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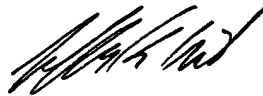
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is one (1) sheet of Replacement drawing with Figure 5A, corresponding to the above-captioned application. Identification of the drawing is provided in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c). Acknowledgment of the receipt, approval, and entry of the drawing into this application is respectfully requested.

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